Service-learning is an important part of the Wofford experience, so important that it’s incorporated into the first-year orientation schedule.

A few weeks ago, I was with a group of the 442 members of the Class of 2019 as they filled bags of food for Stop Hunger Now, an organization that sends food to people living in poverty around the world. The group packed 4,200 bags/25,000 meals bound for Haiti, all while getting to know themselves, each other and Wofford College a bit better. It was a great way to start the year.

It was also the perfect way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Bonner Scholars Program on Wofford’s campus. In the quarter of a century since Bonner became a part of the Wofford experience, an ethic of volunteerism and the integration of service into the academic experience have flourished. There are now more than 350 Wofford Bonner Scholar alumni, each of whom, in exchange for financial aid, gave approximately 1,680 hours of service in the four years that they were Wofford students—that’s more than 588,000 hours of service to the community.

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Wofford College would not be the premier liberal arts college that it is without the work of so many servant-leaders—members of the faculty and staff who perform their jobs with intelligence, energy and good humor; members of the student body who lend their fresh, creative ideas to enhance the Wofford experience; members of the Board of Trustees, Alumni Association, Parents Advisory Council, Terrier Club Board of Directors and other volunteers who offer their time, ideas and expertise to improve our college. Yes, service is an important part of who we are, and one of the things that makes Wofford College so special.

Thank you for your service and for helping us educate the servant-leaders of tomorrow. Wofford College is making an impact on the world thanks to your good work.

Go, Terriers!

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Sarah Madden ’17, a member of the Wofford Equestrian Team and a certified therapeutic riding instructor, shares the magic of equine therapy with riders with disabilities through HALTER (Handicapped Athletes Learning To Enjoy Riding). Read more about Madden and her work with HALTER at wofford.edu/woffordtoday »
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Improvements. The tennis courts also saw Gallery, Marsh Hall and the Galleria in the Michael S. Brown Village Center. This summer the college begins construction updates on the Galleria in the Michael S. Brown Village Center. The Sandor Teszler Library will begin soon, and the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts (spring 2017 completion). Construction will begin soon, and the Wofford community can follow the progress via webcam at wofford.edu/constructionupdates.

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B. MOVING MOUNTAINS AND REFORMING EDUCATION

Dr. Ellen Goldey, Kenan Professor of Biology at Wofford, and other PULS Vision and Change Leadership Fellows are leading national efforts to transform teaching and learning. “It’s about getting better collectively for the good of higher education and our country,” says Goldey. “We’ve been doing really good work here at Wofford, so instead of keeping that knowledge protected, we need to share it so we all benefit.”

C. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOWNLOADS AND COUNTING

Cody Watson ’15 wrote the code for PyMethyl, a “quick and dirty way to find methylation patterns within the human genome,” while interning with the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. It’s been downloaded in labs around the globe as a tool in the fight against breast cancer, but according to Watson, it can be used to compare any type of data. Read more about Watson, the code and his post-graduate plans at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

D. STUDENT-ATHLETE COMPETES IN NATIONAL LIFEGUARD COMPETITION

Gaston Hayworth ’17 (front) carries Darius DeBarros to shore with teammates Andrew Lydon (right) and Marc Rodriguez in the Landline Rescue Race at the 2015 Nautica USA National Lifeguard Championships held in Daytona Beach, Fla. Hayworth, a member of the Terrier track and field team, has worked as a Daytona Beach lifeguard for the past three years. Read more about how Hayworth finished at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

E. MARTHA’S GARDEN TO BE COMPLETE BY HOMECOMING

Victoria Biggers ’17 never knew Martha Cammack ’31 (pictured below), but she’s spent two years of her college career leading a project in Cammack’s memory that will create a community green space on campus for students, faculty and staff to enjoy. Biggers, with the help of Cammack’s friends, has raised the funds, consulted on logistics and now is planning an opening event during Homecoming. Martha’s Garden will be located beside Lewis Hall across from the Pavilion. Read more about the project at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

F. TRAKAS RUNS WITH THE BULLS IN PAMPLONA

Dr. Deno Trakas, Hoy Professor of Literature, ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, this summer. It’s in the white shirt and pants with the white hat on the far right side of the photo. The man beside him is his future son-in-law, Max Trakas wrote an essay and literary critique, “Visiting Pamplona, Revisiting Hemingway,” based on his experiences. The Old Gold and Black also published a feature on Trakas’ experience. Read the essay and story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

G. STUDENTS AND FACULTY COLLABORATE ON SUMMER RESEARCH

Five teams of Wofford student and faculty researchers worked this summer on collaborative projects funded through the college’s Pre-Med Program and The Space. Read more about how Watson, it can be used to compare any type of data. Read more about Watson, the code and his post-graduate plans at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

H. MOCK INTERVIEWS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A group of 16 Wofford students spent a Saturday morning this fall in mock medical school interviews with eight practicing physicians, six of whom are Wofford graduates. The doctors also shared practical advice about the medical school admission and application process. The interviews were organized by the college’s Pre-Med Program and The Space in the Mungo Center.

To read more and find out who attended, visit wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

I. WOFFORD BREEZE REPUBLICATION

Read the essay and story at wofford.edu/woffordtoday.

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On Sunday, Aug. 30, the college bell tolled 442 times for the college’s newest Terriers in the Class of 2019. This year the college has launched new Student Success Teams to help shepherd students through their first few months in college. Each team includes eight first-year students, a faculty adviser, a staff guide and a student peer mentor. The Student Success Teams fit perfectly with the college’s new quality enhancement plan, and they also reflect the deep and extraordinary commitment that the college has to providing transformational experiences for all students.
Kappa Sigma brought home 10 awards from its national grand conclave.

What’s different about Greek Life at Wofford?

BY JO ANN MITCHELL BRASINGTON ’89
Dr. Dave Pittman ’94, professor of psychology and faculty adviser of KAPPA SIGMA fraternity, left the Kappa Sigma 70th Biennial Grand Conclave in July eager to come back to Wofford and share the good news. Wofford’s Alpha Nu chapter, founded 125 years ago, collected 10 major awards for leadership, scholarship and service.

**Also this summer...**

PI KAPPA PHI brothers Steven Bendziewicz ’16 and Joe James ’16 participated in their national fraternity’s Ability Experience. Journey of Hope cross-country bicycle ride to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities. The chapter also received recognition for exceeding national standards of growth, philanthropy, retention and branding.

ZETA TAU ALPHA received five awards at its national leadership conference, including awards for highly commendable GPA, helping other chapters across the state and the Crown Chapter award for meeting international standards of overall excellence. The group also was busy planning its seventh annual Shag-A-Thon to raise funds for breast cancer awareness and education.

The Walker Foundation, the fundraising arm of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB), presented PI KAPPA ALPHA fraternity with the Hearts and Hands Award for their extraordinary service. PKA established the Hornet Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in 2010 to raise funds for the athletics program at SCSDB. Each year the tournament provides needed equipment, uniforms and travel funds and allows SCSDB students to participate in the tournament alongside Wofford students. The Wofford Nu Chapter also received the Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Award from nationals this summer.

And that’s just the tip of the iceberg. As Wofford Greek-life organizations plan to move into new houses in the spring, their leaders are continuing the work that makes the sorority and fraternity scene at Wofford different.

**WOFFORD STUDENTS FIRST**

Emily Seaton ’16, president of Wofford’s Panhellenic Council, the governing body of sororities, says that Greek life at Wofford always has been different because students affiliated with Greek-letter organizations are Wofford students first.

“One member from different sororities and fraternities can come together and be friends. We are all a part of the Wofford family,” says Seaton, who didn’t know anyone when she came to Wofford. Her sorority experience helped her find family, both within her sorority and elsewhere. “Here, community is a hallmark of the Greek-life experience, but that’s the part that in many other places is secondary to the genuine bonds that develop between brothers from different walks of life. For example, mirrored Wofford College’s incorporation of greater diversity, Kappa Sigma boasts a diverse membership of young men, including multiple ethnicities—African American, South Asian, Hispanic and Caucasian—and religious beliefs ranging from Christian to Muslim among brothers. The academic interests of the brothers are broad as well. They’re studying for careers in medicine, law, education, business, finance, even service in the military through Wofford’s Army ROTC program.”

**ANCHORED WITH SERVICE**

Sara Futch ’16, president of DELTA DELTA DELTA, believes that the focus on service sets Greek life at Wofford apart. Her sorority raises money to support children’s cancer research through St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The sorority held an auction during Family Weekend called Bids for Kids. It also will host the annual Tri Delta Triple Play, a kickball tournament that will be held on Oct. 16. Last year Tri Delta raised more than $43,000 for St. Jude.

“I know when we all teamed up for Greek Week we raised a significant amount of money for Special Olympics,” she says. “I love seeing other members of Greek life at our philanthropy events and attending theirs in turn.”

Jamie Inabinet ’16, president of PK Kappa Phi and treasurer of the Interfraternity Council, is proud of the fact that his fraternity has its own philanthropy, the Ability Experience, formerly PUSH America. Inabinet came to Wofford with no plans of pledging a fraternity, but meeting Pi Kappa Phi brothers and learning about the organization’s service initiatives changed his mind.

“Fraternities at Wofford seem to be more in tune with their philanthropies,” says Inabinet. “We even had a senior who joined our fraternity just so he could participate in the Journey of Hope. He was a great brother and brought a lot to the table... and he joined for service reasons.”

According to Inabinet, who was recently selected to serve on the National Council of Archons (a group of the 12 highest ranking national members), when it comes to service all Wofford fraternities and sororities share a cooperative spirit. PI Kappa Phi participates each year in Kappa Sigma’s 5K for Karl race, which raises money for a scholarship to Wofford in memory of Karl Alexander, who died while he was a student. In turn, other Greek-life organizations joined Pi Kappa Phi’s recent bike-a-thon, which was plugged into the college’s “First 54” (days) orientation initiative to give first-year students a taste of service early on in their Wofford experience.

Greek-life members have misunderstood their responsibilities and used community bonding and fellowship as an opportunity for unruly or inappropriate behavior. That’s not what he sees at Wofford.

“Greek life at Wofford is much more than Friday and Saturday night parties. It is an exemplary model for developing young men and women citizen leaders,” says Pittman. “Wofford is different. The fellowship events are secondary to the genuine bonds that develop between brothers from different walks of life. For example, mirroring Wofford College’s incorporation of greater diversity, Kappa Sigma boasts a diverse membership of young men, including multiple ethnicities—African American, South Asian, Hispanic and Caucasian—and religious beliefs ranging from Christian to Muslim among brothers. The academic interests of the brothers are broad as well. They’re studying for careers in medicine, law, education, business, finance, even service in the military through Wofford’s Army ROTC program.”

Stephen Bendziewicz ’16 (left) and Joe James ’16 made a stop at Wofford this summer on the Ability Experience Journey of Hope.
ENCOURAGING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

During the spring 2015 semester, every Greek-letter organization except for one exceeded the non-Greek GPA. Each fraternity or sorority has a different title for it, but every organization has someone on its executive committee dedicated to helping sisters or brothers achieve academic success.

For Tri Delta, that person is the academic chair, who works with sisters on study strategies, finding tutors and taking advantage of the opportunities for help across campus. Many fraternities require study hall attendance for new members or for those struggling academically, and most Wofford chapters earn recognition each year nationally for scholarship.

According to Chad Sanders, president of Pi Kappa Alpha, older brothers serve as mentors and tutors to build a foundation for academic success.

“We believe that if we teach new members how to be gentlemen and scholars and show that things like honesty and integrity really go a long way, then success will come easily,” he says.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Michael Siegel, president of Kappa Sigma, says that being in a fraternity gave him a sense of purpose.

“The guys of Kappa Sigma have gotten behind me and wasn’t sure about fitting in when I transferred from Clemson and wasn’t sure about fitting in here. Because of my fraternity I’m a peer mentor for Transitions and have served as an at-large delegate for Campus Union. I’m also heavily involved in our fundraising efforts for military heroes. My fraternity has provided an amazing network and so many opportunities for leadership.”

Inabinet tells a similar story about the “uncommon opportunities” offered because of his involvement in Greek life. For example, he helped his fraternity raise $400,000 in six weeks to build a new home in the Greek Village.

“But not every college student can put that on a résumé,” he says. “I’ve been exposed to so many opportunities for leadership, decision-making and growth because I’m in a fraternity. When I graduate in May, I know with confidence from my experiences at Wofford that I can hold my own in the business world.”

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

The new Greek Village, located on the corner of Evins and Cumming streets across from Gibbs Stadium and Main Building, will feature a multipurpose pavilion and common green space. The green will join all Greek-letter organizations on campus so that we learn to think in terms of serving. We are required to participate in service hours each month so that we learn the nobility of serving. We are required to participate in other organizations on campus so that we learn to think in terms of all mankind. Not only are we held to strict academic and social standards, but we are provided with the tools necessary to better ourselves in both categories.

The success of Greek life at Wofford—of each sorority and fraternity—is dependent upon the success of each individual member. The same could be said for the college and each individual student. The focus on each individual student sets Wofford apart, and it sets Greek life at Wofford apart as well.

“Just like Wofford College is a special environment seeking to be a premier, innovative and distinctive national liberal arts college defined by excellence, engagement and transformation, so, too, is Greek life at Wofford a special environment seeking to instill values of leadership and service while supporting academic excellence and fellowship,” says Pittman. “Greek life at Wofford College is about leading, serving and learning in the fellowship of others.”

PHILANTHROPIES:

DELTA DELTA DELTA
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

KAPPA ALPHA ORDER
Muscular Dystrophy Association

KAPPA ALPHA PSI
Scholarships, after-school programs, local community support

KAPPA ALPHA THETA
Court Appointed Special Advocates

KAPPA DELTA
Girl Scouts; Prevent Child Abuse America

KAPPA SIGMA
Military Heroes Karl Alexander Endowed Scholarship Fund

OMEGA PSI PHI
Education and other local initiatives

PI KAPPA ALPHA
South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

PI KAPPA PHI
Ability Experience

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON
Habitat for Humanity; Children’s Miracle Network

SIGMA NU
St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic

ZETA Tau Alpha
Breast cancer education and awareness
Learning to Serve & SERVING TO LEARN

by Sarah Madden ’17

Wofford celebrates 25 years of transformative generosity and service learning.

Last fall Breanne Lillie ’17 wrote an editorial for the Old Gold and Black student newspaper called “Don’t be afraid to cross the street” in an attempt to convey her Bonner experience to peers. She uses the words of fellow Bonner Scholar Curt McPhail ’96, the Northside Initiative project manager, who was advised in the 1990s to avoid leaving “the Wofford bubble.”

Thanks to Wofford’s Bonner Scholars, things have changed.
The quote was published 25 years ago in the fall 1991 edition of Wofford College’s student newspaper. It expresses a philosophy that combines “learning to serve and serving to learn.”

They will be participating in a unique new program designated the first Wofford College Bonner Scholars.

“Twenty-five members of the Class of 1995 have been committed to the foundation for my Bonner career.”

I fell in love with the people and service that I was doing and made it my permanent site for my Bonner career.

After four years of service, Bonner Scholar Jonathan Franklin ’16 also believes in the power of Bonner and the power of community.

“Bonner has given me so many opportunities both inside and outside the classroom to sharpen my leadership skills and to explore opportunities for life after Wofford,” he says. Franklin has his sights set on a journalism career and will graduate in May with two majors, a concentration and more than 1,700 hours of service. “My first year as a Bonner, I was a mentor to a high school senior applying to college, but since then I’ve served with the Urban League of the Upstate and the power of community. Wofford has graduated more than 350 Bonner Scholars since 1991.

According to Jessalyn Wynn Story, director of the Bonner Scholars Program and service learning at Wofford, the Bonner Scholarship Program is the signature offering of the Corella A. and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation in Princeton, N.J. Both Corella and Bertram Bonner were born into poverty, says Story, and wanted to do something with their wealth that would help others. They hired Wayne Meisel, their minister’s son, as their foundation’s first president.

With the Bonners, Meisel developed the idea for a program that would help students with significant financial need access higher education by engaging in service to earn their scholarships. He led the foundation and the Bonner Scholars Program for more than two decades. The first Bonner Scholars Program was established in 1990 at Berea College in Kentucky, near where Corella Bonner was born. Wofford and about a dozen other Appalachian-area schools joined the following year. Wofford has graduated more than 350 Bonner Scholars since 1991.

Story has been program director for eight years, and though she was not a Bonner, she remembers recognizing her college classmates in a composite picture of Davidson College’s first cohort of Bonner Scholars at the foundation’s headquarters.

“I was looking at the individuals and thinking, ‘These are the best people in my class. They’re the most socially conscious, the most mature and the most impactful among us.’ I don’t know if Bonner findings are the people and makes them Bonners or develops them into those kind of people, but I like to think it’s a little of both.”

HOW IT WORKS AT WOFFORD

Wofford Bonner Scholars receive scholarships that cover their full need, as well as providing additional funds for training, enrichment, travel and living, and earning stipends for their summers of service. At Wofford about half of the Bonner Scholars are underrepresented minority students; and nearly a third are first-generation college students. Both Wofford and the Bonner Foundation contribute to the scholarships.

“We look for students who already have a service background, but we take a broad view,” says Story. “They might not call it service, but maybe they’ve spent a lot of time helping an elderly neighbor or interpreting for a family member who doesn’t speak English. We look for mature students with an awareness of people outside themselves—students who see other people as important and do all they can to improve the quality of others’ lives.”

Throughout the academic year Bonners give 10 hours per week to the program, including about two hours of training and enrichment with other Bonners. The other eight hours are spent in service or capacity building with one of Wofford’s nonprofit or government community partners. Scholars also are required to complete 280 hours of service, anywhere in the world, over each of at least two of their summers as Bonner Scholars.

RECIPIROCAL IMPACT

According to Story, the program is a win/win/win—a win for the students, a win for the communities and their organizations, and a win for the colleges and universities that host the programs.

“Not all of that impact is quantifiable,” she says, “but the data on student impact and impact on the communities in which Bonner Scholars eventually settle is clear.” For example, drawing on a seven-year study, Cheryl Keen and Kelly Hall (2009) reported that involvement in the four-year Bonner Scholars program contributes to students’ leadership development, internalization of civic commitments and post-college civic involvement. Analysis of more than 3,000 Bonner alumni nationwide suggests they show markedly higher “civic professionalism,” have made career choices shaped by their involvement and remain civically active after college.

“Impact can be reciprocal,” says Bonnie Scholars Program Coordinator Dr. Ramon Galinanes. “One way to look at impact is number of people served, or efficiency. Sometimes it’s not easy to quantify, like students who work at an after-school program in Arcadia. They may increase literacy over time, which can be tracked. But they also are inspiring students in their education, and that’s hard to quantify. They might show up to help and defy every expectation of what they think a Wofford student is like—diversity has an impact, too.”

LIFE AFTER WOFFORD AS A BONNER

Jordan Hardy ’12, a master of social work candidate at the University of South Carolina and the former veteran services coordinator for the One Less Homeless Vet program with Family Services Inc., says that the Bonner Scholars program shaped her life so much that she can’t imagine doing anything besides serving others.

“The Bonner Scholars Program is hard to describe because each experience is different for each person. It challenges you like never before, but also encourages a kind of growth that is unique to Bonners,” she says. “It is a different kind of learning that pushes you out of the ‘Wofford bubble’ to really see and experience diversity through more than just a class exercise or a research paper.”

During her years as a Wofford Bonner, Hardy served primarily with the Spartanburg Youth Council (SYC).
“I did a little bit of everything because the director of the SYC was pretty much the only person on staff. I loved it and learned skills that prepared me for a successful academic and professional life.”

Kierra Sims ’11 works at a social justice institution called Highlander Research and Education Center. Before her Wofford Bonner service, Sims wanted to attend law school and work in family court.

“I quickly realized I didn’t want to work to uphold laws but instead, think about and strategize about why laws were in place and make changes to improve the lives of people facing court every day,” explains Sims. “My Bonner service was working year-round on pro bono cases at a family court law firm in Spartanburg. I also spent some time working in the Glendale community (before Wofford had roots in Glendale), helping organize neighborhood meetings, doing door-to-door outreach and reaching out to area youth. One summer I served with the American Civil Liberties Union in Charleston, and reaching out to area youth. One summer I served with the American Civil Liberties Union in Charleston, and the other I served at Family Court.

“Bonner taught me that living out my values was of primary importance to me, especially as I related my service to others is an important part of Wofford’s mission. Bonner embeds that into the fabric of day-to-day life on this campus.”

LOOKING FORWARD

In the past year Wofford Bonner Scholars have been focusing on a new High Impact Community Engagement Practices (HICEPS) initiative that heightens student learning while focusing on community engagement. The intent is to create a more civic-minded campus for all students, faculty and staff, with Bonner at its core.

“The Center for Global and Community Engagement is working to help Wofford fulfill its vision of ‘preparing students for meaningful lives as citizens, leaders and scholars,’ whether they are Bonners or not,” says Story. “That means cultivating the institution’s civic ethos and spirit of public-mindedness, nurturing each student’s capacity and commitment to think critically about issues that have public consequences, and working collaboratively in a pluralistic society to improve the quality of people’s lives and the sustainability of the planet.”

Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, Perkins-Prothro Chaplain and Professor of Religion, believes that the Bonner program has had a deep impact on campus culture and will continue to help shape the Wofford experience.

“When Wofford received the endowment to fund the Bonner program long term, I said that having the program here would help us keep our soul,” says Robinson. “Service to others is an important part of Wofford’s mission. Bonner embeds that into the fabric of day-to-day life on this campus.”
Who establishes endowed scholarships at Wofford?

Why do they give?

How much does it take?

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89
Wofford parents Karen and Bob Buterbaugh of Hilton Head, S.C., established a new endowed scholarship at Wofford College:

- because they love volleyball, and their daughter, Liz ’16, is a middle blocker for the Terriers.
- because they admire the gifts and support of others, such as Jerry Richardson ’59, who has endowed scholarships, provided gifts to fund buildings and served the college in leadership positions.
- to set the same type of example for future generations.
- to be a part of Wofford’s long-term growth and impact on the world.

Yes, they gave… and because they gave to the endowment, their gift will keep giving as long as Wofford College offers transformative educational experiences to students.

“We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of a bigger picture. As parents and donors, we think that’s important to consider,” says Karen Buterbaugh. “Wofford graduates have such a love of this place. It’s obvious in the way that they want to give back. I hope these younger graduates will do the same one day. Giving back is so important.”

To make “giving back” easier, Wofford development officers always are eager to talk with those interested in establishing a named, endowed scholarship. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions that also may help.

How important are endowed scholarships to Wofford College?

More than 85 percent of the Wofford student body receives some type of financial support (including loans, scholarships, grants and work study); 51 percent receive need-based financial aid. The majority of Wofford students would not be able to attend Wofford without financial support.

“Endowed scholarships form the foundation of the college’s efforts to recruit the country’s best and brightest high school students,” says Calhoun Kennedy ’89, executive director of development. “The Wofford experience—including opportunities for faculty-member student mentoring, undergraduate research, foreign study and competitive athletics—attracts thousands of prospective students each year. Students who stand out above the rest find themselves sought after by lots of top colleges and universities. Offering them generous financial aid and scholarship packages makes all the difference.”

Who establishes endowed scholarships at Wofford?

Individuals, young alumni, people who want to honor someone, parents (such as the Buterbaughs), older alumni making their estate plans, businesses, groups—anyone or any group can start an endowed scholarship fund at Wofford College.

Susan Gray, the college’s director of donor relations, shares great giving stories. She loves to tell people about Benny Waldrop, who started an endowed scholarship at the college as a birthday gift to his daughter, Dr. Lori Waldrop Barwick ’94, or Dr. Don Castillo, professor emeritus of chemistry at Wofford, who established an endowed scholarship with the proceeds from corporate consulting work he did outside of the college. His former students have added to the fund through the years so that it now provides even greater benefits to students. Gray also is quick to give examples of younger alumni who have started scholarships—Dorothy Acee Thomas ’96, for example, or the collective group of alumni, many of whom are fresh out of college, who are establishing a new scholarship fund as a result of the First Black Alumni Summit.

“As soon as I was in a position to start thinking about how to give, I started thinking about an endowed scholarship at Wofford,” says Thomas. “People think that you have to have a million dollars to start an endowed scholarship fund, but that’s not true. We started one with much less. It was a way for us to honor our parents, who had done so much for us, pay it forward and start something that would last and on which we could build as a family.”

She says she never tires of seeing the balance of the scholarship grow or of hearing about the impact that it is having at the college, but she’s adamant about making her annual gift fit to the college first.

“I would never give to my scholarship without giving to the general fund first,” says Thomas. “Wofford does not exist without that. If there’s any left over, then we can use it to impact the future of the college and what’s important to us through our endowed scholarship.”

Thomas was an attorney who practiced until she had children, William (8) and Anna (5). Now she spends much of her time doing volunteer work for the Southwest Advocacy Group and SWAG Family Resource Center, and recently has helped establish a full-service medical and dental clinic for underserved people in Gainesville, Fla.

“It’s important to me that our children understand what it means to give... Our kids see that example, and it has inspired them to be actively involved as well.”

Why do people establish endowed scholarships?

David Ehmen ’18, a left-handed pitcher on the Terrier baseball team, holds the Georgia Alumni Endowed Scholarship. The fund was established in 2011 and grows each year from the proceeds of the annual Wofford Invitational Golf Tournament in Atlanta. The Atlanta Golf Committee established the scholarship both to help a student-athlete on the Wofford baseball team and to honor the late Russell King ’56 and Walt Sessoms ’56, Wofford classmates, Terrier baseball teammates, trustees, model alumni and co-founders of the Atlanta Golf Committee.

Ed Wile ’73, Wofford trustee and an original member of the Atlanta Golf Committee, believes there could be no greater way to honor their memory.

“Because of Walt and Russell, everyone on our committee feels a part of this noble project,” says Wile. “These guys gave so much heart to the college. They’re watching from the sky box, and honoring them is a blessing for us.”

Ehmen also believes their generosity is a blessing to him.

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How does the endowment work?

Once a donor creates a scholarship by making a gift to Wofford, that gift is invested with the college’s endowment. As the original scholarship principal appreciates and dividends accrue, the endowed scholarship fund builds. When the fund reaches the threshold level, a portion is used to provide scholarship support for a Wofford student. The principal remains in the fund so the endowment continues to increase, which in turn makes an even greater impact on Wofford’s ability to offer scholarships.

According to Gray, the Abbey Foundation offers an ideal example. “The Abbey Foundation has given us a total of $3,500,000. Currently the scholarship has a market value of $6,596,098. It is amazing how their gifts and a good investment policy at Wofford have made it grow!”

How much does it take to establish an endowed scholarship?

The college offers two opportunities to establish an endowed scholarship:

1. A minimum of $50,000, payable over five years, establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship.
2. A commitment of $25,000, payable over five years, coupled with a documented estate/insurance plan for an additional $100,000, establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship. This option offers the donor the opportunity to establish a scholarship with a lower initial gift when it is combined with a generous planned gift.

The sky is the limit on the upper end: the greater the fund size, the greater the benefit to deserving students. The Porters worked on their scholarship for five years, while moving into a broader demographic. Our scholarship fund agreement signed by the donor.

Who chooses the recipients, and will I meet them?

The Scholarship Selection Committee, appointed by the president of the college, reviews scholarships and recipients and allocates endowed scholarships according to the wishes expressed in the scholarship fund agreement signed by the donor.

Each spring the college holds a Student-Donor Recognition event and invites both scholarship donors and student recipients.

Lauren Kirby ’15 was one of the speakers at last year’s event. Kirby is an ideal example of the type of student who benefits from endowed scholarships at Wofford. An English major from Sherman, Texas, who completed the teacher education program, she now is attending the University of Arkansas studying for a master’s degree in communications. She was a student-athlete on the college’s women’s basketball team earning academic and district honors. She was a Young Life leader at Spartanburg High School and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Here’s how she closed her speech: “I know I speak for all the students in this room when I say that my future would be completely different if I hadn’t come to Wofford, and I wouldn’t have been able to come without a scholarship. And isn’t that what people crave in life, to make a difference? Well, you have. Your generosity has changed lives, and for that I am forever grateful.”

Yes, you can meet your student recipient, and you’ll be glad you did!
Mason Cantey ’16 migrated from his section of an ancient synagogue to watch a restorer wash a section of mosaic originally believed to be white. The tiles, weathered then covered by millennia of debris and plaster, came to life. “She scraped away centuries of packed dirt and dust, and with each swipe of her sponge, she revealed an Aramaic inscription and the partially preserved image of a menorah with an oil lamp on each branch. Staring in amazement at all those mosaic stones, I thought about how important each experience we have, each person we meet, and each thing we learn adds to our distinctive appearance in the world,” wrote Cantey in his journal.

The find turned out to be more than a defining moment for Cantey. Excavations in the ancient synagogue at Horvat Kur (Israel) dating to the Byzantine period (4th - 7th c. CE) uncovered a partially preserved colorful mosaic floor. The mosaic consists of a panel showing the upper part of a menorah, along with an inscription mentioning the name El’azar, as well as the names of his father, Yudan, and grandfather, bunu or possibly Goso.

Cantey was working the Horvat Kur excavation site with five other Wofford students, a Wofford graduate and a host of other college and university students from all over the world who are part of the Kinneret Regional Project, an international research consortium sponsored by the University of Bern (Switzerland), University of Helsinki (Finland), Leiden University (The Netherlands) and Wofford College.

“Certainly this is one of the most memorable moments in my 25 years of experience in archaeology,” says McCane, who recently was featured in the CNN documentary, “Finding Jesus,” and regularly leads groups of Wofford students on archaeological digs to Israel and Rome.
The finds made in the Horvat Kur excavations significantly advance historical knowledge of a region that is crucial to ancient Jewish and Christian history and culture. The site is located on a hilltop a few kilometers from the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, in the vicinity of ancient Jewish villages such as Magdala and Bethsaida. It is also close to important ancient Christian pilgrimage centers such as Tabgha and Capernaum.

The menorah, a seven-branched lampstand, was one of the most important religious symbols in late ancient Judaism. Inscriptions mentioning persons who made donations to public buildings were also a prominent feature in ancient public buildings, including Jewish synagogues, Christian churches, and pagan temples. The specific combination of names in the Horvat Kur inscription has never been seen before.

Although the mosaic at Horvat Kur confirms prior findings, it also adds new details. For example, the mosaic depicts an oil lamp on each of the seven branches of the menorah. The lamps are accurate for the Byzantine period, and they are symmetrically arranged around the central lamp. The lamps face the center, with the flames on the sides closer to the center. The central lamp has its wick and flame in the middle of the lamp, something that is unknown in the archaeological record. Future studies will examine more closely the peculiar form of this lamp.

Unfortunately, the menorah is not fully preserved, because a column base was later cut directly into the mosaic when the synagogue underwent renovations. Preliminary analysis of the finds at Horvat Kur indicates that Christian monasteries and Jewish villages in the vicinity had close economic connections. The finds also show that rural eastern Galilee was receiving imports from regions as far away as North Africa, the Black Sea, and southern and western Turkey.

Co-directors and university representatives from the Kinneret Regional Project include Dr. Juergen Zangenberg (Leiden University), Dr. Raimo Hokola (University of Helsinki), Dr. Byron R. McCane (Wofford College) and Dr. Stefan Muenger (University of Bern).

Representatives from Wofford College on the excavation during the find include James Ballard '12 (Yale Divinity School student), Mason Cantey '16 (Lake City, S.C.), Dr. Byron R. McCane, Will Massey '16 (Newberry, S.C.), Pifer Nicholson '16 (Plymouth, Minn.), Michael Siegel '17 (Spartanburg, S.C.) and Matthew Yochum '16 (Greenville, S.C.).

Through The Space, Wofford offers four internships in India each summer working with The Manipal Group. The internships are unpaid, but all expenses, including travel, accommodations, meals and incidentals, are covered.

"Interning in India has been invaluable to me," says Berardo. "Through experiences, both in and out of the office, I feel that I have gained knowledge and skills that will prepare me for success in the future."
I interned with Dr. Larry Chewning ’71 at McLeod Regional Health in Florence, S.C. We did maxillofacial surgeries, including anything from third molar removals to mandible reconstructions. Interning was important because I got to build a supreme relationship with my mentor while experiencing a profession that I am passionate about,” says Cassidy.

Ford, right, spent the summer as the leader of a large development project with Red de Misericordia, a Christian nonprofit orphanage in the Dominican Republic. “I believe in using gifts, talents, strengths, personality, passions and experiences to become the best you, you can be,” says Ford. “Internships, shadowing experiences, interviews, etc., can be incredibly important in developing highly functional and influential workers.”

“Liderazgo. Etakchilik. Vůdcovství. Leadership. In almost every culture there is a word to describe the notion of a person who is able to influence and unite many different people toward a single goal. During the Leadership exChanges Global Leadership Program I have met incredible students from all over the world. We all share one thing in common: We are all leaders, and we crave to make the world a better place,” says McCarty.

Envision, Elliott Davis Decosimo’s internship experience, allows students the opportunity to discover potential career paths within accounting. Wofford interns worked at the company’s offices in Greenville, Columbia, Augusta and Charleston.

Walkup is planning to attend graduate school in environmental policy. He interned with the University of Georgia’s Savannah River Ecology Lab near Aiken, S.C. “My primary focus is on a project dealing with coyote scat (poop, yes really, poop). It is in relation to invasive and overpopulated wild hogs prevalent on the site,” says Walkup. He also worked with wolf poop from Chernobyl, collected amphibians from protected Carolina bays and analyzed mercury levels in contaminated salamanders.
Howell interned in the Greenville, S.C., office of U.S. Sen. Tim Scott. “As a government student who intends to pursue a career in the public sector, I have found this opportunity to be immensely rewarding for both its authenticity and its diversity of daily experiences,” says Howell. “When I answer a constituent call, I am able to directly engage in the democratic process; legislation is suggested based on the needs of local communities, pre-existing policies are advocated or opposed and personal concerns are shared, requiring immediate attention and an empathetic manner. I have become much more poised on the phone, especially when placed under pressure. In addition, I have learned that participation in the political sphere is valued and vital to the maintenance of our nation’s constitutional system. Although I initially sought to attain professional discernment, I also have been reminded of the necessity of tolerance and patience—two principles that belong in all aspects of life. I look forward to applying the knowledge that this experience has bestowed me with when I return to Wofford and continue to prepare for the road beyond undergraduate education.”

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This year 442 members of the Class of 2019, along with a little help from the president of the college, Dr. Nayef Samhat, and staff members from Student Affairs, packed 25,000 meals to be shipped to Haiti.

Service and a desire to help make the world a better place coupled with a drive for academic excellence are part of the liberal arts education awaiting these new students.

The Class of 2019, however, was already ahead of the game before joining the Wofford community.

“We have first-year students who, while still in high school, created their own nonprofit organizations designed to serve others,” says Brand Stille ’86, vice president for enrollment. “One student spent her gap year—taking off a year after high school before entering college—doing mission work in Togo. Another incoming student started a nonprofit to serve the homeless while another raised $30,000 for UNICEF. Still another sent 25,000 golf balls to U.S. troops in Iraq, while one served seven years of active duty in the U.S. Army before coming to Wofford.”

In addition to welcoming 442 first-year students, the college also welcomed 22 transfer students. Classes began Aug. 31.

“We are always excited to have another outstanding class of students to campus,” Stille continues. “This class is no exception, with students coming from 25 states and seven foreign countries—the farthest away coming from China—and 17 percent being students of color.”

Stille says Wofford’s reputation as a national liberal arts college attracts high-caliber students from all over. “We saw an increase in applications for admission this year, and the incoming class is a great representation of the high quality of students we attract and what we seek.”

The average high school GPA of the incoming class is higher than 4.0, and 42 percent of them were in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. Eleven members of the class were student body presidents in high school. Twenty earned the rank of Gold Award or Eagle Scout, 22 were editors of a publication in high school and 171 were captains of high school athletics teams. Sixty-four are first-generation college students. Two students took 10 advanced placement courses, and one student was accepted to 15 colleges.

The Class of 2019 is split 50-50 by gender, and half of them are from outside South Carolina.

Stille also notes that the Class of 2019 includes:

» Wofford College founder Benjamin Wofford’s great-great-great-grandnephew and another who is a fifth-generation Wofford student
» A volunteer firefighter
» An Irish dancer
» An award-winning computer programmer
» A synchronized figure skater
» A phlebotomy technician—earned during a gap year
» A competitive Yo-Yo-er
» An ordained minister
» One who won a marathon
» One who has written two full-length novels


SERVING.

ALREADY LEARNING. ALREADY
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS SPENT A DAY AT CAMP GREYSTONE IN TUXEDO, N.C., AS PART OF THEIR WOFFORD ORIENTATION.
Joe Gibson is helping startup companies in upstate South Carolina accelerate their business development through the Iron Yard. Gibson is the executive in residence on the “floating foundry” team of consultants. Also on the team is intern Michael Weliner ’15.

1973
Smith Moore Leatherwood attorney William L. Dennis was selected by his peers as part of Greenville Business Magazine’s 2015 Legal Elite. Dennis practices in the area of tax law. Chrisy Harris, who has practiced marriage and family therapy or psychotherapy since 1975, has received one of the First Lifetime Achievement Awards from the South Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He practices at Family Therapy and Trauma Center of Gervais, S.C. George Stewart has joined Roney Mortgage Funding as a reverse mortgage specialist in Charleston, S.C. He lives in Summerville.

1984
Ken Kirchpauzer, class chair South Carolina state’s treasurer has appointed West Summers to serve as senior assistant state treasurer. He will oversee investment management, which invests more than $14 billion in portfolios and cash, for the state’s Government Investment Pool and various financial assets for the state.

1986
Brand Still, class chair McLeod Health and McLeod Physician Associates announced that they have expanded their partnership to include Dr. Lynn Clary. McLeod Women’s Care is located in Florence, S.C.

1990
Scott T. Tuckman, class chair The Times-News in Brenau, N.C., featured the Rev. Shelly Webb in its June 28 issue for her unflinching commitment to justice. She is the executive director of the Sharing House for Transylvania Christian Ministry.

1992
Niki Parnen Chunn, class chair Three Wofford alumni who are head baseball coaches at the high school level in South Carolina have led their teams to recent state championships. The Clewels led the Leesville High School Lions to two state final appearances since 2003. Adam Jarecki ’90 led his Calhoun Academy team to a state championship in 2012. Robert E. Lee Academy Jarecki is now teaching and coaching at the University of North Carolina. Tony Galney ’88 has led Hartsville High School to two consecutive title game appearances.

1994
Alarcia Tuesday, class chair Newberry College has appointed Dr. Krista E. Hopper, a director of the newly formed office of Diversity, Center and associate professor of religion.

1996
Curt Nichols, class chair Burson-Marsteller, a leading global public relations and communications firm, announced that Margaret Key has been named CEO. Asia-Pacific, the region is based in Hong Kong. She had served as chief operating officer for Asia-Pacific for the past year and was the acting Hong Kong market leader.

1999
Zach Allenlock, class chair T. J. White, 18-year-old son of Elizabeth Wells ’90 and Terensial White ’04, debuted on the Major League Baseball Network (MLBN). White appeared in Sunday’s Columbia vs. Tul Travel Baseball Team. The game was part of the USSSA Championship Series. The Whites live in Pickerington, Ohio, and have two other children, Tyler (7) and Morgan (6).

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2003
Scott T. Tuckman, class chair The Muller Center will provide programming and resources related to ethics, vocations, and civic engagement. Hughes had been at Hanover College in Indiana, where she taught in the theology and studies department.

2007
Dr. Jeff Steinkruger is a dentist with Charleston (S.C.) Endodontics. He lives in Mount Pleasant with his wife, Adrienne, and 3-year-old son, William Jacob Steinkruger.

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The Rev. John Joseph Miller Sr., May 11, 2015, Lake Junaluska, N.C. Miller served numer-
ous churches in North Carolina and enjoyed working as an evangelist for 33 years, evan-
gelecting in the churches of eight states.

1947

Dr. Legrand Thomas, Jr., June 24, 2015, Rockingham, N.C. A Vietnam veteran, Smith was a
physician with Richmond Medical Center.

1955

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1960


1965

The Rev. Drs. Douglas Arthur Bowling. Aug. 19, 2015, Marietta, Ga. A retired United Methodist minister, Bowling served numerous churches throughout the state. He was well-known for his "servant's heart and was selected by his class to carry the Class of 1965 banner at its 50th reunion weekend during Commencement 2015.

1971


1974


1987

George "Smokey" Rice. July 3, 2015, Chesapeake, Va. An avid Wofford supporter, Rice was captain of the Terrier football team during his senior year and was named All Little Three and Little Three Lineman of the Year during 1954. He was drafted by the Little Three and Little Three Lineman of the Year during 1954. He was drafted by the

1990

Dr. Lyle Hamilton Phifer. July 20, 2015, Monterey, Calif. He taught and coached at St. Mary's International School in Tokyo for 35 years. Even from Japan he loved following Terrier football.

1997

John Thomas Buice. July 27, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Buice basically grew up on Wofford's campus as the son of Earl Buice, who was director of food service and head golf coach. Buice went into food service as well and fed thousands during his 40-plus years as a caterer.

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Thomas Miller Jeffreys. May 22, 2015, Salem, Ore. An artillery officer in the Army, Jeffreys was stationed in West Germany before going on to Harvard University.

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Jeremiah L. Tate. June 22, 2015, Columbia, S.C. A rising senior at Wofford, Tate was a stu-
dent athlete on the men's basketball team, an accounting major, a Bonner Scholar, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the National Shakespeare Conservatory in New York City and throughout his long career as a basketball player earned more than 80 productions of 28 Shakespeare's plays.

Cameron Michael Pappas. June 18, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Pappas was a rising senior at Wofford College at the time of his death. He hoped to pursue a career in government. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and a huge fan of the Dave Matthews Band, attending 26 of the band's concerts.

2017

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Anne H. Ellenburg. July 29, 2015, Spartanburg, S.C. Ellenburg cooperated on numerous projects at Wofford through the years as the executive assistant to John Harmon Wood Jr. She was also a lifelong Wofford supporter.

Making Memorial Gifts

Three ways to make a memorial gift to Wofford College:
1) Call the Office of Development at 864-329-4200.
2) Visit Wofford.edu/supportWofford
3) Mail a check made payable to Wofford College, Wofford College Office of Development 429 H. Claude Brock Building Spartanburg, S.C. 29303-3663

Remember to include the name of the person you are honoring with your gift.
A LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

Colleges do not award honorary undergraduate degrees, and yet 25 years ago Wofford mercifully awarded me what only could have been justified, given my woeful academic performance, as being an honorary bachelor’s degree. A quarter century later my classmates from the Class of 1990 and I soon will gather with other Terriers at Homecoming to reconnect and reflect on our Wofford years, academically unremarkable and otherwise.

Homecoming provides the most identifiable activity for our alumni to be involved with the college, but our continued involvement with Wofford does not have to begin and end on one weekend each October. Throughout the year and around the country, Wofford provides our alumni with opportunities to participate in an impressive range of cultural and athletics events, local alumni gatherings, and opportunities for travel and continuing education.

Recent events enjoyed by Wofford alumni and their families include a Red Sox baseball game in Boston, a picnic and up-close “animal encounter” at Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, a large alumni reception in Columbia and a bicycle race in Spartanburg. Upcoming activities in 2015 can be found on the alumni event calendar on the college’s website, and Charlie Gray ’72 leads a new and vibrant continuing education program—Lifelong Learning at Wofford—as well as travel opportunities and other experiences.

To encourage alumni involvement in the life of Wofford and alumni events, the Wofford College Alumni Association has instituted an “Alumni Engagement Initiative” led by Carl Young ’96. To find out how you can start a local alumni chapter or be involved with alumni activities, please contact me at andybeeson@aol.com, Young at carl.allard.young@gmail.com or Debbi Thompson ’88 at thompsondn@wofford.edu.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The success of our alumni association depends on the active involvement of a diverse group of motivated alumni representing a wide span of geographic areas, racial and ethnic backgrounds, graduating years, occupations and interests. If you are interested in being a part of the alumni association board or would like to nominate someone to serve on the board, please contact Debbi Thompson or me.

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UPCOMING WOFFORD COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENTS:

Visit wofford.edu/alumni for more information.

OCT. 8 Charleston Young Alumni Event
OCT. 9 Alumni Gathering at Bowen’s Island, Folly Beach
OCT. 10 Wofford vs. Citadel Football Pre-game Event
OCT. 14 NYC Alumni Event
OCT. 22-24 Homecoming Weekend
     Friday: Black Alumni Summit, Wofford College Alumni Association Board meeting, 50-Year Club dinner, reunions for classes ending in 0 and 5 at the Terrier Ball
     Saturday: Lunch on the lawn, football, downtown street party
NOV. 2 Update Golf Invitational, Greenville Country Club
NOV. 5 Charlotte Alumni Event
NOV. 12 Washington, D.C., Alumni Event
DECEMBER
DEC. 10 Greenville Alumni Holiday Party
MAR. 12 Football Letterman Reunion Weekend
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APRIL 24 – MAY 5, 2016 - Mediterranean Passage
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